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1. THIS MESSAGE FORWARDS TEXT OF REF B, WHICH WILL BE
CIRCULATED ON 12 APR 1977 TO SUPPORT CNAD AGENDA ITEM 8(D).
WE ANTICIPATE FURTHER DISCUSSION AT APRIL 18 NADREPS
MEETING AND SUGGEST WASHINGTON ENDORSE TOR IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE, AS DISCUSSED IN REF A. ACTION REQUESTED: WASH-
INGTON GUIDANCE BY APRIL 15, 1977.

2. TEXT OF REF B FOLLOWS EXCEPT FOR APPENDICES 1 AND 2
WHICH DEPICT DESCRIPTION IN ANNEX REF B, BUT
COULD NOT BE ELECTRICALLY TRANSMITTED. BEGIN TEXT.

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PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GROUP ON
MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION

NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NADREPS

AT ITS MEETING ON 26TH TO 28TH OCTOBER, 1976(1) THE
CONFERENCE HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF THE STUDY(2) ON STANDARDIZATION
OF ASSEMBLIES, COMPONENTS, SPARE PARTS AND MATERIALS (ACSM) WHICH
HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE ACSM STUDY GROUP CONVENED BY THE CHAIRMAN
MAS, INSTRUCTED THE NADREPS TO RE-EXAMINE THE RECOMMENDATION OF

CHAPTER X OF THAT REPORT, AND IN PARTICULAR THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PROPOSED GROUP OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS ON MATERIEL STANDARDIZATION (GNDMS), TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ONGOING STUDIES ON THE DEMARCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR STANDARDIZATION BETWEEN CNAD AND MAS. THE CONFERENCE FINALLY REQUESTED THE NADREPS TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS FOR DISCUSSION AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

2. THE ATTACHED REPORT BY THE NADREPS IMPLICITLY ACCEPTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY GROUP IN CHAPTER X OF AC/259-D/512 IN RESPECT OF THE DIVISION OF ACSM PROPOSALS INTO TWO CATEGORIES OF MILITARY (CORRECTIVE) AND ENGINEERING (DESIGN) RESPECTIVELY AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESULTING ACSM PROJECTS, TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE THROUGH THE MAS FOR THE FIRST CATEGORY AND THE CNAD THROUGH THE PROPOSED NEW GROUP FOR THE SECOND. THIS DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN EXPLICITLY AGREED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, BUT NOT YET BY THE CNAD.

3. THE NADREPS REPORT SETS OUT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NEW GROUP ON MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE WORDS "OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS" HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM THE TITLE AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, AND THAT THE BELGIAN NADREP MAINTAINED A RESERVATION ON THE CREATION OF SUCH A GROUP. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF REDUCTION OF GROUPS WITH THE CONTEXT OF THE MANAGEMENT REVIEW THE NEW GROUP IS GIVEN THE TASK (PARAGRAPH 4(C) OF TERMS OF REFERENCE) OF REVIEWING THE ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF THE EXISTING CNAD CADRE GROUPS CONCERNED WITH ACSM STANDARDIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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4. THE NADREPS REPORT ALSO CONTAINS AN ANNEX GIVING THE PROPOSED WORKING PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION FOR DEALING WITH ACSM PROPOSALS OF WHICH THE NEW GROUP IS AN INTEGRAL PART AS IS THE ACSM CO-ORDINATION GROUP WHICH REPLACED THE STEERING GROUP RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY GROUP IN CHAPTER X OF AC/259-D/512.

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- (1) AC/259-DS/18, ITEM VII (D)
 - (2) AC/259-D/512 (PLUS 2 CORRIGENDA)

5. THE CONFERENCE IS INVITED:

- (1) TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED REPORT BY THE NADREPS THEREBY:
 - (A) AGREEING TO THE DIVISION OF ACSM PROPOSALS INTO TWO CATEGORIES AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESULTING PROJECTS AS SET OUT IN THE FOOTNOTE TO PARAGRAPH 3(A) OF THE ATTACHED REPORT;
 - (B) CREATING A GROUP ON MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION WITH THE TERMS OF REFERENCE SET OUT IN THE REPORT;
 - (C) APPROVING THE WORKING PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION SET OUT AT ANNEX TO THE REPORT.
- (SIGNED) W.B. LABERGE

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GROUP ON MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. PREAMBLE

(A) THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS TO IMPROVE NATO'S LOGISTICS SUPPORT CAPABILITY, ENHANCE INTEROPERABILITY AND CROSS SERVICING AMONG NATO FORCES, REDUCE COSTS AND INCREASE EFFICIENCY THROUGH AN EFFECTIVE NATO STANDARDIZATION PROGRAMME FOR ASSEMBLIES, COMPONENTS, SPARE PARTS AND MATERIALS (ACSM);

(B) THE FORMATION OF THE GROUP ON MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION (GMS) UNDER CNAD MUST BE SEEN AS A MEANS OF FURTHERING AND CO-ORDINATING SHORT RANGE AND LONG RANGE STANDARDIZATION ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF ACSM;

(C) THIS AREA ENCOMPASSES INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY STANDARDS AS WELL AS MILITARY STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS;

(D) THE PROPOSAL TO SET UP THE GROUP STEMMED FROM THE STUDY SUBMITTED WITH DOCUMENT AC/259-D/512 WHICH PROVIDED A GREAT AMOUNT OF USEFUL MATERIAL. HOWEVER, THE CNAD CONSIDERED THAT THE SUGGESTED TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE REVIEWED. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENT PAPER CONTAINS REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH THE GROUP SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO REVIEW AT ITS FIRST MEETING.

2. STATUS

THE GROUP ON MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION SHALL CONSIST OF SENIOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION, OR APPOINTED TO CO-ORDINATE NATIONALLY MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION WITHIN THEIR MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE. THE GROUP SHALL BE DIRECTLY SUBORDINATED TO THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS AS A SENIOR CADRE GROUP. SECRETARIAL SUPPORT SHALL BE GIVEN BY THE PLANNING AND LOGISTICS DIRECTORATE OF THE DEFENCE SUPPORT DIVISION. APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AND MILITARY STAFFS SHALL ATTEND AS REQUIRED.

LIAISON WITH THE MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION (MAS) AND DECISIONS ON THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GENERAL OR PARTICULAR QUESTIONS ARISING IN THE COURSE OF ACSM STANDARDIZATION WILL BE ASSURED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE BY THE ACSM CO-ORDINATION GROUP (AS DESCRIBED IN THE WORKING PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION AT ANNEX) OF WHICH THE CHAIRMAN GMS WILL BE A MEMBER.

3. MISSION

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS GROUP SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MAIN TASKS:

- (A) TO COLLABORATE WITH THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, IN PARTICULAR THE MAS, ON ALL MATTERS OF ACSM STANDARDIZATION(1);
 - (B) TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR ACSM STANDARDIZATION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES;
 - (C) TO ESTABLISH A LONG TERM PROGRAMME IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE OTHER CNAD GROUPS INVOLVED FOR THE STANDARDIZATION OF THE ENGINEERING (DESIGN) ASPECTS OF ACSM;
 - (D) TO DRAW UP PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING ACSM STANDARDIZATION AND TO DEVELOP AN ORDERLY PLAN FOR ACTIONS REQUIRED(2);
 - (E) TO MONITOR THE STATUS OF STANDARDIZATION IN THE ENGINEERING AREA OF A ACSM AND TO ADOPT ANY AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE BY NATO AND NATIONS;
 - (F) TO GIVE APPROPRIATE ADVICE TO THE ACSM CO-ORDINATION
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GROUP;

- (G) TO SUPERVISE AND DIRECT THE WORK OF SUCH SUB-GROUPS OR EXISTING CNAD CADRE GROUPS CONCERNED WITH ACSM AS CNAD SHALL DECIDE;

(1) THE DEMARCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR STANDARDIZATION BETWEEN THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD) AND THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION (REFERENCE AC/259-D/546), BUT THE CNAD AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC) HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO AGREE THAT:

- (I) THE CNAD, THROUGH THE GMS, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENGINEERING (DESIGN) ACSM PROJECTS, THE RESOLUTION OF WHICH WILL RESULT MAINLY FROM PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE R&D AND MANUFACTURING FIELDS;
- (II) THE MC, THROUGH THE MAS, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MILITARY (CORRECTIVE) ACSM PROJECTS THE RESOLUTION OF WHICH WILL RESULT MAINLY FROM THE APPLICATION OF PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE MILITARY FIELD. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY GIVEN ITS APPROVAL.

(2) STUDY MATERIAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GROUP IS PROVIDED IN DOCUMENT AC/259-D/512, ANNEX D.

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(H) TO ENSURE THAT ANY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT IN ACSM STANDARD-
IZATION IS AVOIDED;

(I) TO PROVIDE ALL CNAD GROUPS WITH ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AS
APPROPRIATE.

4. METHOD OF WORK

(A) THE GROUP SHALL NORMALLY BE PROGRAMMED TO MEET 6-MONTHLY IN
BETWEEN CNAD MEETINGS AND REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE CONFERENCE ON
PROGRESS MADE AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED (OUTLINING POSSIBLE
SOLUTIONS);

(B) THE GROUP SHALL CONFORM TO THE WORKING PROCEDURE AND ORGAN-
IZATION OUTLINED IN THE ANNEX TO THIS PAPER;

(C) THE GROUP SHALL REVIEW THE ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF THE EXIST-
ING CNAD CADRE GROUPS CONCERNED WITH ACSM STANDARDIZATION AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO CNAD WITHIN ONE YEAR OF ITS CREATION AS TO
WHETHER IT SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY OF THIS WORK,
AND, IF SO, WHAT EXISTING OR NEW SUB-GROUPS SHOULD BE PLACED
UNDER ITS CONTROL. THE GROUP WILL NOT SET UP ANY SUB-GROUP FOR
A DURATION GREATER THAN SIX MONTHS WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL
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OF CNAD OR THE NADREPS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NADS BETWEEN
CONFERENCES;

(D) THE GROUP SHALL REVIEW THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORKING
PROCEDURE AND RECOMMEND TO CNAD ANY CHANGES DEEMED NECESSARY.

5. REVIEW OF GROUP BY CNAD

THE GROUP SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY CNAD AFTER TWO YEARS OF
OPERATION.

ANNEX TO

AC/259-D/573

WORKING PROCEDURE AND ORGANIZATION

1. INPUT (ACSM STANDARDIZATION PROPOSALS)

PROPOSALS FOR ACSM STANDARDIZATION MAY BE ORIGINATED BY THE GROUP ITSELF OR MAY BE MADE BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES OR BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AT OTHER LEVELS. IN THE LATTER CASE, THEY SHOULD BE PASSED EITHER TO THE MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION (MAS) OR THE DEFENCE SUPPORT DIVISION (DSD) OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. THEY SHOULD CONTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING THE ORIGINATOR'S VIEW OF THEIR MILITARY LOGISTICS VALUE, ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES, LIKELY FEASIBILITY AND PRIORITY.

2. CO-ORDINATION

ACSM PROPOSALS WILL BE CO-ORDINATED BY THE CO-ORDINATION GROUP(1) AT WORKING LEVEL WHO WILL ASSIGN EACH PROPOSAL ACCORDING TO ITS NATURE (ENGINEERING OR MILITARY) EITHER TO AN MAS BOARD OR THE CE OR CCIS DIVISIONS OF THE IMS OR A CNAD GROUP; WHERE NO AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED AT WORKING LEVEL THE PROPOSAL WILL BE PASSED TO THE SENIOR LEVEL OF THE CO-ORDINATING GROUP. IF AT SENIOR LEVEL NO AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS WILL BE INFORMED AND A DECISION BE REQUESTED.

3. PROCESSING

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THE MAS BOARD OR CNAD GROUP TO WHICH THE PROPOSAL IS FOREARDED WILL PROCESS THE PROPOSAL BY THE MOST APPROPRIATE AND EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. ON THE CNAD SIDE, PROPOSALS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE DESIGN OF A PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT MAY BE DEALT WITH BY THE RESPONSIBLE STEERING COMMITTEE, PROJECT GROUP OR MAIN ARMAMENTS GROUP SUBSIDIARY BODY. PROPOSALS OF GENERAL APPLICATION WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE GNDMS.

4. RESULTS

IN CASES WHERE THE PROPOSAL IS SUCCESSFULLY PROCESSED THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE RECORDED AND BE FED INTO AN APPROPRIATE DATA BASE AND AN APPROPRIATE STANAG PROMULGATED BY THE MAS.

(1) THE COMPOSITION OF THIS GROUP IS SHOWN ON THE CHART AT APPENDIX II.

5. DISPUTES

IN CASES WHERE NO AGREEMENT CAN BE OBTAINED ON THE PROPOSAL THE RESPONSIBLE BODY WILL INFORM THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OR THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS AS APPROPRIATE (INDICATING THE REASONS FOR FAILURE) IN THEIR ANNUAL REPORTM

6. WORK FLOW AND ORGANIZATION

THE WORK FLOW AND ORGANIZATION THAT FOLLOW FROM THE ABOVE PROCEDURE ARE ILLUSTRATED BY THE CHARTS AT APPENDICES I AND II TO THIS ANNEX.END TEXT.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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